

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-62. (Canceled).

63. (Currently Amended) A prepaid wagering card, comprising:

one or more wagering entries, each entry comprising a ~~set of randomly-generated numbers~~ randomly selected subset of a predetermined range of numbers used in a lottery of interest, wherein the randomly selected subset of numbers includes less than a full range of numbers, the set of numbers corresponding to a format of a predetermined lottery and configured to identify whether the prepaid wagering card includes a winning entry, the wagering entries being pre-printed on the wagering card and concealed prior to purchase of the prepaid wagering card;

activation information configured to electronically activate the prepaid wagering card, wherein activation of the prepaid wagering card using the activation information is a prerequisite to playing the one or more wagering entries in the predetermined lottery; and

wagering information configured to facilitate playing one or more of the wagering entries at a time other than the time of purchase of the prepaid wagering card,

wherein the prepaid wagering card is configured to display the activation information, while concealing the wagering entries, when the prepaid wagering card is purchased.

64. (Previously Presented) The prepaid wagering card of claim 63, wherein the wagering entries are not selected by an individual purchasing the card.

65. (Previously Presented) The prepaid wagering card of claim 63, wherein the purchaser does not select a wagering date when the prepaid wagering card is purchased.

66. (Previously Presented) The prepaid wagering card of claim 63, comprising more than one wagering entry, wherein the wagering entries can be wagered on different dates.

67. (Previously Presented) The prepaid wagering card of claim 63, further comprising redemption information configured to electronically redeem the prepaid wagering card for a prize if the wagering information identifies a winning entry.

68. (Previously Presented) The prepaid wagering card of claim 67, wherein the prepaid wagering card is configured to prevent the redemption information from being used to electronically redeem the prepaid wagering card for a prize before the prepaid wagering card has been activated.

69. (Previously Presented) The prepaid wagering card of claim 63, further comprising timing information displayed to the purchaser, the timing information

representing a predetermined period of time for which the prepaid wagering card is valid.

70. (Previously Presented) The prepaid wagering card of claim 63, further comprising identification information that uniquely identifies the prepaid wagering card.

71. (Previously Presented) The prepaid wagering card of claim 63, wherein the activation information is provided in a machine-readable format.

72. (Currently Amended) A method of providing a prepaid wagering system, the method comprising:

generating ~~at least one set of randomly generated numbers~~ a randomly selected subset of a predetermined range of numbers used in a lottery of interest, wherein the randomly selected subset of numbers includes less than a full range of numbers, the randomly selected subset of numbers corresponding to a format of a predetermined lottery and configured to identify whether a prepaid wagering card includes a winning entry, the randomly generated numbers being pre-printed on the prepaid wagering card and concealed prior to purchase of the prepaid wagering card;

enabling activating the prepaid wagering card using activation information displayed on the prepaid wagering card; and

enabling wagering using one or more of the randomly generated numbers at a time other than the time of purchase of the prepaid wagering card.

73. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 72, wherein the randomly generated selected subset of numbers remain unknown to the purchaser until the prepaid wagering card is purchased.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, further comprising enabling a purchaser to select a date to wager the prepaid wagering card after the prepaid wagering card is purchased.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, wherein the prepaid wagering card comprises more than one wagering entry, and further comprising enabling wagering the wagering entries on different dates.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, further comprising using redemption information of the prepaid wagering card to electronically redeem the prepaid wagering card for a prize if the wagering information identifies a winning entry.

77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, further comprising preventing the redemption information from being used to electronically redeem the prepaid wagering card for a prize before the prepaid wagering card has been activated.

78. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, wherein the prepaid wagering card is valid for a predetermined amount of time following purchase thereof.

79. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, further comprising enabling reading the activation information using a reading device other than a lottery-specific terminal.

80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, further comprising storing information associated with each prepaid wagering card in a database.

81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the information comprises identifying information for uniquely identifying each prepaid wagering card.

82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 81, further comprising grouping a plurality of prepaid wagering cards as a set, and storing information associated with the set in a database.